

Dear AsCNP members:

It is my honor to serve as AsCNP President from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2020. This is the first of my AsCNP Presidential Correspondence that will be sent every quarter during each year of my term.

I encourage you to visit the AsCNP website, which is frequently updated: <http://ascnp.org/index.html>

Following are the new board members of AsCNP:

A. Executive Committee

AsCNP Executive Committee (January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020)

President	Kazutaka Ikeda (Japan)
President-elect	Chay Hoon Tan (Singapore)
Past-President	Andi J. Tanra (Indonesia)
Honorary President	Shigeto Yamawaki (Japan)
Vice-President	Tianmei Si (China)
Vice-President	Chan-Hyung Kim (Korea)
Vice-President	Shih-Ku Lin (Taiwan)
Secretary of Central Office	Atsumi Nitta (Japan)

B. Council Members

1) to December 31, 2020

Yanling He (China), Gang Zhu (China), Naren Rao (India), Andi J. Tanra (Indonesia), Kazutaka Ikeda (Japan), Norio Ozaki (Japan), Kiyofumi Yamada (Japan), Won-Myong Bahk (Korea), Young-Chul Chung (Korea), Chay Hoon Tan (Singapore), Ya-Mei Bai (Taiwan), Lih-Chu Chiou (Taiwan)

2) to December 31, 2022

Suresh Sundram (Australia), Tianmei Si (China), Yan Zhang (China), Eric Y.H. Chen (Hong Kong), Kristian Liaury (Indonesia), Shigenobu Kanba (Japan), Hisatsugu Miyata (Japan), Kazutaka Shimoda (Japan), Chan Hyung Kim (Korea), Sangyeol Lee (Korea), Kyung Joon Min (Korea), Johnny Lokin (Philippine), Gavin S. Dawe (Singapore), Ming-Chyi Huang (Taiwan), Shih-Ku Lin (Taiwan), Yen-Kuang Yang (Taiwan), Manit Srisurapanont (Thailand)

C. Auditor (to December 31, 2020)

Toshikazu Saito (Japan), tosaito@hokujin.or.jp

D. Adviser (to December 31, 2022)

Xin Yu (China), Tung-Ping Tom Su (Taiwan), Winston W. Shen (Taiwan)

In 2019, AsCNP will hold two congresses:

AsCNP-ASEAN Congress

Yogyakarta, Indonesia

February 28 to March 2, 2019

<http://ascnp-asean2019.com/>

This congress is mainly for neuropsychopharmacologists and clinicians in ASEAN. The congress chair is Prof. Andi J. Tanra, AsCNP Past-President. We expect more than 400 participants.

6th Congress of AsCNP

Fukuoka, Japan

October 11-13, 2019

<https://www2.aeplan.co.jp/ascnp/index.html>

Registration for participation and abstract submission starts in January. The deadline for Early Bird Registration is February 28. The deadline for Abstract Submission is May 31, 2019. Three Plenary Lectures and approximately 60 symposia have been organized for the AsCNP 2019 Congress.

In 2021, the 7th AsCNP Congress will be held in Singapore. In October 2018, Prof. Tanra (AsCNP President at that time), Prof. Nitta (AsCNP Executive Secretary), and I visited Singapore and planned the new AsCNP Board and action plans for 2019 with Prof. Tan (AsCNP President-elect), Prof. Dawe (AsCNP Councilor), and other important Singapore neuropsychopharmacologists (Photo 1). The Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore (PSS) Neuropsychopharmacology Section was established in 2018 and became a Society Member of AsCNP in 2019.

During my term as President, I would like to strengthen the relationships between each member society and AsCNP and between AsCNP and other neuropsychopharmacology colleges, such as the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum (CINP), American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP), and European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP). I am a CINP Executive Committee member and Chair of the CINP Credential and Membership Committee. The CINP Executive Committee has decided to automatically approve CINP membership applications from AsCNP members. I would like AsCNP members to apply for CINP membership. For ACNP, AsCNP has six slots for participation in the ACNP Annual Meeting. AsCNP has also been invited to ACNP/AsCNP/CINP/ECNP Leadership Meetings that are held at the ACNP Annual Meetings. In December 2018, Dr. Shih-Ku Lin (Vice-President of AsCNP and Vice-President of CINP) and I participated in the Leadership Meeting in Florida (Photo 2). For ECNP, AsCNP is contributing to activities for Neuroscience-based Nomenclature (NbN) for central nervous system drugs.

My goals during my term as President are to increase AsCNP membership to more than 3000, increase the number of member countries/regions to more than 15, strengthen alliances among governments, industry, and academia in Asian neuropsychopharmacology fields and AsCNP financial bases, and organize several AsCNP committees. I welcome AsCNP members' ideas for AsCNP management.

AsCNP President (2019, 2020)
Kazutaka Ikeda

January, 2019



Photo 1: AsCNP Singapore visit in 2018

Gavin Dawe, Atsumi Nitta, Andi Tanra, Kazutaka Ikeda, Chay Hoon Tan, John Wong



Photo 2: ACNP/AsCNP/CINP/ECNP Leadership Meeting held at ACNP 2018

(Top) Kazutaka Ikeda, Siegfried Kasper, Pierre Blier, Shih-Ku Lin, Steve Hyman

(Bottom) Alan Frazer, Celso Arango, Anissa Abi-Dargham, Marina Wolf, Joseph Zohar, David Kupfer